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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment from October 2009 – August 2010

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division announces the continued availability of approximately \$1,450,000 in federal grant funding in FFY 2010 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies for high visibility traffic enforcement during mobilizations.

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety (click on FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program).

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Development, Delivery, and Evaluation of Sexual Assault Forensic Training Programs

Application Deadline: June 21, 2010

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks applications for the development and delivery of sexual assault examination training programs related to the identification, collection, preservation, analysis, and use of DNA evidence with the goal of increasing the availability of educational opportunities provided at no direct cost to medical personnel, victim service providers, forensic science practitioners, and other professionals involved in treating victims of sexual assault. NIJ is also interested in seeking applications for the delivery and evaluation of existing sexual assault examination training programs related to the identification, collection, preservation, analysis, and use of DNA evidence with the goal of determining how currently available training programs affect criminal justice case processing and victim participation in the criminal justice system

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000999.pdf>.

Juvenile Indigent Defense National Clearinghouse

Application Deadline: June 24, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applicants to operate a national clearinghouse to address the deprivations of due process for indigent youth in the justice system and to improve the quality of juvenile indigent defense representation. The clearinghouse will provide technical support and training, publications and resources, policy development, and leadership opportunities to the juvenile indigent defense bar.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/JUVDEF.pdf>.

Safe Start Promising Approaches Project

Application Deadline: June 25, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications to provide evidence-based or theory-based interventions to prevent and reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence in their homes and communities. This project will address the needs of children and youth, ages 0–17, who have been exposed to violence and their families. Applicants may apply under one of two categories: strategic enhancement or practice innovation.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SSPA.pdf>.

National Evaluation of Safe Start Promising Approaches

Application Deadline: June 25, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications to evaluate the Safe Start Promising Approaches Project sites' efforts to expand current partnerships between service providers that create a comprehensive service delivery system for preventing children's exposure to family and community violence and reducing its impact. This national evaluation will assess which program strategies yield the best outcomes for children and enhance understanding of the scope of the problem of children's exposure to violence in the United States.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SSPAEVAL.pdf>.

2010-2012 Deaths in Custody Reporting Program: Arrest-Related Deaths

Application Deadline: June 25, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks proposals for assistance in the development and implementation of the 2010-2011 Arrest-Related Deaths (ARD) Program. In addition, BJS is seeking assistance in the development of alternative designs for the 2012 ARD Program. The purpose of ARD program is to comprehensively identify and record deaths occurring during the process of arrest nationwide.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/derpard10sol.pdf>.

2010 Survey of General Purpose Law Enforcement Agencies

Application Deadline: June 25, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks proposals for assistance in designing and implementing the 2010 Survey of General Purpose Law Enforcement Agencies (2010SGPLEA). The goal of this survey is to generate accurate, reliable, timely, and relevant national statistics about general purpose law enforcement agencies in the United States. Beginning January 2011, this survey will collect information on agency characteristics, personnel, budgets, policies and programs (referencing 2010).

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/sgplea10sol.pdf>.

Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems Program

Application Deadline: June 28, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications to develop, enhance, and implement effective treatment programs for child victims; improve the juvenile justice system; and protect children from victimization and exploitation. Specifically, this program will provide funding to agencies that utilize a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach in working with youth with sexual behavior problems and their child victims to provide intervention and supervision services for the offending youth and treatment services for the surviving child victim and family.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/YSBPP.pdf>.

Group Mentoring Research and Evaluation Program

Application Deadline: June 28, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications to research and evaluate the effectiveness of nontraditional mentoring programs as a prevention and intervention strategy for juvenile delinquency. OJJDP seeks to evaluate the effectiveness of select group mentoring programs supported by local Boys and Girls Clubs. The evaluator will work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to identify the project's scope and will monitor the implementation of mentoring programs at several sites across the country.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/GroupMentor.pdf>.

2010 Visiting Fellow: Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring

Application Deadline: June 29, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applications for one or more Visiting Fellows in the Law Enforcement Statistics Unit. Applicants are limited to mid- and senior-level social science researchers and/or statisticians, epidemiologists, and biostatisticians whose work on drug- and crime-related subject matter has made a significant contribution to the field. The successful Fellow will commit a substantial portion of their time for up to a twelve-month period to undertake methodological research to enhance the bureau's capacity to improve a national arrestee drug use monitoring program, perform statistical analysis of existing data for proposes of improving their utility, and advise BJS staff on current issues in the substantive area.

For more information: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/vfadam10sol.pdf>.

National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Youth in Custody

Application Deadline: June 29, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications to establish the OJJDP National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Youth in Custody to provide education, training, and technical assistance for state, local, and tribal departments of juvenile justice and corrections, service providers, and private organizations that operate juvenile facilities. The Center will emphasize the rehabilitative goals of the juvenile justice system and provide comprehensive training, technical assistance, and resources directly to justice facilities that detain or confine youth. The Center will also update and contribute to the knowledge base of best practices in detaining or confining youth.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/NTTACYC.pdf>.

Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program

Application Deadline: June 29, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications for research and evaluation that address how the juvenile justice system responds to juvenile delinquency. Research projects funded through this solicitation will seek answers to questions that will inform policy and suggest ways to enhance the juvenile justice system. Applicants must clearly indicate a central research question and should present a thorough and reasonable research methodology. The application should also fully consider and incorporate how the research will suggest ways in which the juvenile justice system can be improved.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/FIRE.pdf>.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2010 Local Solicitation
Application Deadline: June 30, 2010

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. JAG-funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures. JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems that will improve or enhance areas as: law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; or corrections and community corrections programs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10JAGLocalSol.pdf>.

National Girls Institute

Application Deadline: June 30, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications to establish a National Girls Institute (NGI) that will advance the understanding and application of promising and evidence-based prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare programs and services for delinquent and at-risk girls. OJJDP expects that the National Girls Institute will translate the information learned through the Girls Study Group, as well as other research and expert knowledge, for practitioners and policy makers. NGI will serve as OJJDP's national training and technical assistance provider for promising and evidence-based practices in girls delinquency prevention, intervention, and treatment.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/NatlGirlsInst.pdf>.

OVC FY 2010 Standards for Victim Service Programs and Providers

Application Deadline: July 1, 2010

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications to update an existing OVC product, entitled Standards for Victim Assistance Programs and Providers, for contemporary relevance, and to work in close coordination and consultation with OVC to disseminate the enhanced product as a capacity-building resource for the victim services field. One cooperative agreement will be awarded to reconvene the National Victim Assistance Standards Consortium, which originally drafted the document; update the document for contemporary relevance; and work in partnership with OVC to conduct outreach to targeted audiences to disseminate information and provide training on the utility of the enhanced resource.

For more information: http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/FY10_StandardsforVictimServices.pdf.

OJJDP FY 2010 National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program

Application Deadline: July 6, 2010

The Office of Juvenile justice and Delinquency prevention (OJJDP) National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program (NJJDAP) will serve as a principal resource to provide quality data and information to juvenile justice practitioners. This program was designed to establish a data analysis source to serve the critical information needs of the juvenile justice community and assist OJJDP in fulfilling its responsibility to disseminate vital statistical information to the field and inform juvenile justice policy and practice.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/JJDataAnalysisProgram.pdf>

Evaluations of Girls' Delinquency Programs

Application Deadline: July 8, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks applications for evaluations to test the effectiveness of existing delinquency prevention, intervention, and treatment programs for girls. This solicitation is intended to fund well-designed, rigorous outcome evaluations of girls' delinquency prevention and intervention programs.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/EvalGirlsDelinquency.pdf>.

OJJDP FY 10 National Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center

Application Deadline: July 9, 2010

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks to establish a National Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center (NJJEC) that will advance the capacity of states, tribes, and communities to develop and implement policies, procedures, and practices that support their ability to evaluate their activities and use the findings to enhance their juvenile justice activities and programs. NJJEC will accomplish its mission through a broad range of activities, including training and technical assistance; information dissemination; collaboration with policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and evaluators; and partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/NationalJJEvalCenter.pdf>

Research and Publications

Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2006

Published biennially by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, this report provides an overview of data collected on felony cases processed in state courts in the 75 largest counties in the nation during May 2006. Data collected include current arrest charges, demographic characteristics, prior arrests and convictions, criminal justice status at time of arrest, type of pretrial release or detention, bail amount, court appearance record, adjudication outcome, and conviction sentence received.

Access full text at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/fdluc06.pdf>.

The Crime of Family Abduction: A Child's and Parent's Perspective

Written from the perspective of the child and a searching parent, this Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention report is designed to provide victims and their families with information and support during incidences of family abduction. The goals of the publication are to increase awareness around the crime of family abduction and also to empower the reader to assist in the recovery of an abducted child.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/229933.pdf>.

History of Street Gangs in the United States

A collaborative project of the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, The National Gang Center published this bulletin on the historical background of street gangs in the United States. The report presents a chronological review of the major events associated with the emergence of street gangs in the country's four major geographic regions.

Access full text at: <http://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Content/Documents/History-of-Street-Gangs.pdf>.

Addressing the Unmet Educational Needs of Children and Youth in the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Systems

Published by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, this report reviews educational barriers experienced by youth involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and describes recent legal and policy reforms. Promising practices and evidence-based interventions to improve educational outcomes for these system-involved youth are also provided.

Access full text at: <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu/pdfs/ed/edpaper.pdf>.

Reentry Housing Options: The Policymakers' Guide

Sponsored by BJA and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, this guide highlights ways to increase public safety and reduce recidivism through increased access to affordable housing for individuals reentering the community. The goals of this guide are help improve understanding of reentry housing issues, particularly for the development of legislative policies, and to increase the overall knowledge of reentry housing alternatives.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CSG_Reentry_Housing.pdf.

A Full Response to an Empty House: Public Safety Strategies for Addressing Mortgage Fraud and the Foreclose Crisis

Sponsored by The Bureau of Justice Assistance, together with the Center for Court Innovation, this report presents an overview of law enforcement and government responses to mortgage fraud, foreclosure, and abandoned property. The report is intended to guide local government and public safety officials in the challenge of addressing mortgage fraud and foreclosures in their communities, including their causes and community impacts.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CCI_Foreclosure_Crisis.pdf.

Conferences and Trainings

International Problem-Oriented Policing and Crime Analysis Training Conference **September 27-30, 2010 in Arlington, TX**

Sponsored by the International Association of Crime Analysts and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, this conference will focus on problem-oriented policing strategies and crime analysis techniques. From basic to advanced, the conference will offer more than 50 training sessions to educate participants in how to study and effectively respond to crime.

For more information: <http://www.iaca.net/Conference2010.asp>.

National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) 2010 National Conference **September 14-16, 2010 in New Orleans, LA**

Sponsored by the National Center for Victims of Crime, the New Orleans Family Justice Center, the Metropolitan Center for Women and Children, the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault, and the U.S. Attorney's Office, this conference will feature 80 skill-building, research-focused workshops highlighting victim-centered promising and best practices throughout the field. In addition to expert presenters from around the nation, the conference will also feature four plenary sessions and numerous networking opportunities.

For more information: http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571.

15th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma **September 12-15, 2010 in San Diego, CA**

Sponsored by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, this conference provides participants an opportunity to interact with researchers, practitioners, advocates, and front-line workers from all disciplines to share in-depth knowledge on violence, abuse, and trauma prevention, intervention, and research. Topic tracks include: intimate partner violence; child maltreatment; children exposed to violence; youth violence; criminal justice issues; sexual assault; treatment of victims and offenders; elder abuse; trauma; and more.

For more information: <http://ivatcenters.org/>.

Prevention Strategies and Planning: Bullying, Cyberbullying and School Violence **September 30, 2010 in Peabody, MA**

This conference, sponsored by the Essex District Attorney's Office, will address current research and best practices for addressing bullying, cyberbullying and violence. Featured speakers will include: Speakers will include District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, Rosalind Wiseman, Nancy Mullin, Richard Cole, Brigitte Berman, and John Bynoe. All participants will receive a copy of Ms Wiseman's book, *Queen Bees and Wannabes*.

For more information: www.mass.gov/essexda or contact Ruth Budelmann, Mariellen Fidrych or Meghan Meagher at 978 745-6610.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Deval Patrick Implores Gun Law Passage

***The Boston Herald*, May 11, 2010**

Gov. Deval Patrick said the senseless shooting death of a teenage Boston honors student recently should prompt lawmakers to act on a stalled measure that would target machine gun ownership, reports *The Boston Herald*. The bill, which is in the judiciary committee on Beacon Hill, would limit gun sales to one firearm a month and ban anyone who isn't the licensed owner or a police officer from having a machine gun.

Access full text at: http://www.bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20100511deval_patrick_implores_gun_law_passage/srvc=home&position=also.

Massachusetts Senate approves 1 of 2 bills designed to protect domestic violence victims

***The Republican*, May 13, 2010**

The Massachusetts Senate unanimously approved a bill designed to protect the jobs of domestic violence victims, according to *The Republican*. The bill requires businesses to let employees who are victims of domestic violence take up to 15 days off work, paid or unpaid, if they are trying to get out of a violent situation or seeking medical or legal help. The bill would require victims to offer proof of their status, like a restraining order. It would exempt smaller businesses with fewer than 50 workers from the law. The bill passed on a 36-0 vote and now heads to the House.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/05/massachusetts_senate_approves_1.html.

Caught in the Act: Juveniles Sentenced to Shakespeare

***The Boston Globe*, May 18, 2010**

According to *The Boston Globe*, thirteen teenage actors recently took the stage at Shakespeare & Company in Lenox to perform "Henry V." The show is the culmination of a five-week intensive program called Shakespeare in the Courts, a nationally recognized initiative now celebrating its 10th year. Berkshire Juvenile Court Judge Judith Locke has sent these adjudicated offenders, found guilty of such adolescent crimes as fighting, drinking, stealing, and destroying property, not to lockup or conventional community service, but to four afternoons a week of acting exercises, rehearsal, and Shakespearean study. More than 100 youths have participated since Kevin Coleman, the Shakespeare troupe's education director, and Paul Perachi started the program.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/ae/theater_arts/articles/2010/05/18/caught_in_the_act_juveniles_sentenced_to_shakespeare/.

Past Criminals Grateful Massachusetts Considering Tightening Access to CORI Records

***The Republican*, May 27, 2010**

Two new bills, one recently passed by the House and one passed by the Senate in November, will overhaul the Criminal Offender Record Information Law by restricting employers from getting access to the criminal records of some job applicants, according to *The Republican*. According to both bills, felony convictions would be sealed and banned from possible employers after 10 years and misdemeanors would be closed after five years instead of the current 10 years. Murder convictions would never be sealed, and sex offenses could never be barred from employers.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/05/past_criminals_grateful_massac.html.

Massachusetts Senate Approves New Crackdown on Illegal Immigrants Getting Access to State Services

***The Republican*, May 27, 2010**

May 27, 2010, 3:45PM

The Massachusetts Senate has approved an amendment clamping down on illegal immigrant access to a range of state services from Medicaid to public housing, according to *The Republican*. The 28-10 vote came one day after the Senate passed a narrower amendment targeting illegal immigrants trying to get Medicaid and unemployment benefits. The new measure also requires companies doing business with the state verify that their workers are in the country legally. The vote followed a poll that found eight out of 10 Massachusetts voters say proof of citizenship should be required for public benefits.

Access to full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/05/massachusetts_senate_approves_5.html.

Announcement

Promising Practices Survey

In March 2009, the Promising Practices subcommittee of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence released its white paper to the Governor's Council. The underlying philosophy is that everyone has a role in responding to domestic violence and that there are several innovative practices already underway in Massachusetts. Through this survey, the Promising Practicing subcommittee seeks to better understand where these practices are currently happening in the Commonwealth, how they are functioning, and challenges and opportunities in their implementation. All responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

Access survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CVQV9Z>.

Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or andrew.polk@state.ma.us.

To access the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWIvy4ceeRkA_3d_3d.

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